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SUBJ: ITU: FURTHER PROBLEMS WITH WILLIAM BAZZY

REF: STATE 289427

1. ON APRIL 27, RENE FONTAINE, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC RELATIONS,
ITU ADVISED MISSION OF FOLLOWING:

A. SECRETARY GENERAL MILI RECEIVED CABLE FROM BAZZY,
ORGANIZER OF PLANNED INTELCOM 77 TELECOMS EXHIBITION, REQUESTING
ITU PERMISSION FOR BAZZY TO USE STATEMENT IN PROMOTION LETTER
THAT INTELCOM 77 WAS PLANNED "IN COOPERATION WITH ITU" AND
THAT INTELCOM 77 WAS "THIRD INTERNATIONAL TELECOMS" TRADE
FIAR. BAZZY REQUESTED IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO QUERY.

B. MILI HAS SENT REPLY TO BAZZY, REFUSING TO PERMIT HIM
TO USE NAME OF ITU IN CONNECTION WITH INTELCOM 77 ON GROUNDS
THAT AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY ON UN, ITU CANNOT ALLOW ITS NAME
TO BE USED IN PRIVATE PROMOTIONAL VENTURE EXCEPT WITH EXPRESS
CONSENT OF ITS MEMBERSHIP. MILI ALSO REFUSED TO AGREE TO
BAZZY'S USE OF TERM "THIRD INTERNATIONAL TELECOMS" EXHIBITION,
SINCE BECAUSE OF IT SPONSORSHIP OF FIRST TWO, USE OF THE
TERM "THIRD" WOULD IMPLY ITU SPONSORSHIP OF BAZZY'S
EXHIBIT.

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C. ITU HAD RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM WEST GERMAN ADMINISTRATION PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF ABOVE MENTIONED CABLE REPORTING THAT BAZZY HAD INVITED FRG TO PARTICIPATE IN INTELCOM 77 AND HAD ASSURED GERMAN ADMINISTRATION THAT EXHIBIT WAS BEING HELD IN COOPERATION WITH ITU. GERMANS THEN ASKED ITU IF THIS WAS THE CASE; THEY WERE INFORMED IT WAS NOT.

D. BECAUSE BAZZY IS AMERICAN AND BECAUSE HIS EXHIBIT WILL BE HELD IN US, SYG MILI IS WRITING LETTER TO US REP TO ITU, JOHN O'NEILL, DIRECTOR, EB/TD TO EXPLAIN ITU'S POSITION ON THIS MATTER AND HE INTENDS TO ENCLOSE COPY OF TELEGRAPHIC EXCHANGE WITH BAZZY.

2. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO MISSION THAT MILI IS ON FIRM GROUND AS OPINION 3, PAGE 256, MALAGA-TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION STATES THAT PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE IS OF OPINION THAT TELECOMS EXHIBITIONS "SHOULD IN FUTURE BE ORGANIZED UNDER AUSPICES OF THE UNION IN COLLABORATION WITH ITS MEMBERS, PROVIDED THAT THIS INVOLVES FOR THE UNION NO CHARGE ON ITS BUDGET AND NO COMMERCIAL INTEREST".DALE

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